

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NO. 2020-275-S ORDER NO. 2020-142-H**

**DECEMBER 23, 2020**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler**

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

**Application of Condor Environmental, Incorporated Requesting an Expansion of Its Existing Sewer Service Area to Include Certain Portions of Anderson County and Saluda County and Approval of Agreement (Request for Expedited Review)**

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

**Motion to Stay Deadlines for Pleading and Discovery**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:**

**Condor Environmental, Incorporated (Condor) moves for a general stay on deadlines in this Docket until the Commission-ordered prehearing conference with the Hearing Officer and a decision by the Hearing Officer is made as to how the parties can best present their positions to the Commission and how discovery can proceed. The Commission directive of December 16, 2020 clearly contemplates a conference between the Hearing Officer and the parties to discuss discovery and a procedural schedule. This Docket has several unresolved motions at this time, with responses yet to be made by the non-moving parties on several issues. Accordingly, these motions are not ripe for adjudication.**

**After due consideration, the Motion to Stay Deadlines for Pleading and Discovery are hereby granted. The Chief Hearing Officer agrees that the pre-hearing conference with the parties needs to be held to discuss some of the pending concerns, prior to any further adjudication of issues in this case. Discovery matters also need to be discussed. Accordingly, the Motion for a General Stay is granted, until further notice. The Chief Hearing Officer will be contacting the parties by e-mail to set up the required conference. This ends the Chief Hearing Officer's Directive.**